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TAGS: CENTO, AORG, ABUD  
SUBJ: INCREASE CENTO HOUSING RENT ALLOWANCES

REF: ANKARA 9500

1. THE CENTO SECRETARIAT HAS REQUESTED THE BUDGET  
AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (BAC) TO RECOMMEND TO THE  
COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES THAT CURRENT CENTO HOUSING ALLOWANCES  
BE RAISED.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT (INFORMAL) OF THE CENTO  
COMMUNICATION TO THE BAC:

BEGIN QUOTE: "CURRENT RATES OF HOUSING RENT ALLOWANCE WHICH  
HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 1976, ARE STATED  
IN PARA 3 OF BAC/76/D3 WHICH, BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL  
OF DEPUTIES, WAS INCORPORATED INTO APPENDIX IV OF CENTO  
STAFF REGULATIONS. (REFERENCE: CD/76/R3-4). FOR CON-  
VENIENCE THESE CURRENT RATES ARE TABULATED BELOW:

	MARRIED/TL P.M.		SINGLE/TL P.M.	
GRADE	FURN	UNFURN	FURN	UNFURN
1-5	3500	2500	3000	2100
6	3900	3800	3000	2100
7	4400	3150	3500	2450
8	4900	3500	4000	2800
9	5400	3850	4500	3150
10	6900	4900	5000	3500

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"2. THE SECRETARIAT IS GRATEFUL FOR THE RELIEF GRANTED BY THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE LAST FEBRUARY, WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO AVOID FURTHER COURT ACTIONS. RENTS HAVE CONTINUED TO RISE, HOWEVER, AND STAFF WHO HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED IN ANKARA HAVE FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN UNFURNISHED ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THEIR UNFURNISHED RENT CEILINGS. INCREASES IN THE REGION OF 60 PER CENT ARE KNOWN TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND RENTS HAVE STILL NOT REACHED A CEILING."

"3. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE IN REAL TERMS THE POSITION OF STAFF ENTITLED TO RENT FREE ACCOMMODATION A NEW TABLE OF HOUSING RENT ALLOWANCES BASED ON AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 67PERCENT IS PRESENTED BELOW FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

	MARRIED/TL P.M.		SINGLE/TL P.M.	
GRADE	FURN	UNFURN	FURN	UNFURN
1-5	5,500	3,800	5,000	3,500
6	6,600	4,600	6,000	4,200
7	7,700	5,400	7,000	4,900
8	8,800	6,200	8,000	5,600
9	9,900	7,000	9,000	6,300
10	11,000	7,700	10,000	7,000

"COMMENT:"

"4. THE ABOVE RATES HAVE BEEN CHECKED AGAINST PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE DSG(P&A) AND THE D.A., BESIDES THE EXPERIENCE OF MORE RECENT ARRIVALS."

"5. THE ADDITIONAL COST OF APPLYING THESE NEW RATES TO NEW AND RENEWED LEASES AFTER 1 OCTOBER 1976, IS ESTIMATED TO BE TL 695,175 IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, AND INCREASE OF 30 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TURKISH CURRENCY, THE CURRENCY IN WHICH THIS EXPENDITURE IS MADE, MAKING A NEW TOTAL OF TL 3.012.425. THE NEW TOTAL IN TERMS OF STERLING IS ESTIMATED TO BE (STERLING POUNDS) 114,107. THIS TOTAL HAS BEEN ADJUSTED FOR THE CHANGE IN THE STERLING POUND/LIRA EXCHANGE RATE. THE INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE IN TERMS OF LIRAS IS ESTIMATED TO BE ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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30PERCENT (INSTEAD OF 67PERCENT) BECAUSE IT WILL NOT APPLY TO EXISTING LEASES UNTIL THEY EXPIRE."

"6. THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE THE NEW TABLE OF HOUSING RENT ALLOWANCES WITH EFFECT FROM 1 OCTOBER 1976 AND RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES THAT IT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE EXISTING TABLE IN APPENDIX IV OF CENTO STAFF REGULATIONS." END

QUOTE.

3. WE RECOMMEND CONCURRENCE IN THE CENTO REQUEST RPO-  
VIDED THAT THE ALLOWANCE INCREASES CAN BE MET  
WITHIN A TOTAL CENTO BUDGET FOR 1976-77 OF POUNDS  
610,000, THE POSITION RECOMMENDED IN THE REFTEL. PER  
REFTEL, THE UK POSITION FAVORS THE POUNDS 610,000  
TARGET, ADJUSTED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RECENT 13.2 PERCENT  
DEVALUATION THE BRITISH POUND. DELEGATES OF PAKISTAN,  
IRAN AND TURKEY STATE THAT THEY CAN ACCEPT A CONSENSUS  
IN THIS MATTER, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE  
SET THEIR OWN CEILINGS ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CENTO  
BUDGET.  
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